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Jason Poling: Learning Outside The Classroom

"It is amazing to watch how God works in a person's life when there is a ministry He wants completed." Jason Poling, a senior communication arts major from Troy, Ohio, experienced God's power in his life this summer. He was one of 12 students on the Missions Involvement Services (MIS) Australia team. "God met all the needs of our team because He wanted us to share the truths of the gospel with those who have not heard."

Jason and the team members were in Australia for five weeks primarily ministering in small Baptist churches pastored by both local and missionary pastors. "Our goal was not only to encourage believers but also to become a means by which unchurched people might come and hear the gospel. To do this the team performed skits, songs, and the drama, 'Bridge of Blood'." Written by Dr. David Robey, professor of communication arts at Cedarville College, "Bridge of Blood" portrays the life of Jim Elliot and four other men who, through their deaths, led the Auca Indians of Ecuador to the Lord. For Jason the biggest change developed when they performed "Bridge of Blood". "The more we performed this play the more we became excited and filled with the desire to serve God and passionately pursue the lost souls of Australia as well as those in America," Jason states. "Just like He used Jim Elliot in a selfless way, God can use me if I just make myself available and totally abandon my entire life to Him."

"Not only was that ministry stretching, but another challenge was being a camp counselor for a week," Jason continued. Never having been a camp

counselor, yet asked to lead four teenagers, Jason had the opportunity of leading one of them to the Lord.

"I had just finished a seminar on giving away your faith and followed up with a question and answer time. Andrew, a 15-year-old camper, pulled me aside and began asking questions. While talking with him I asked if he understood what I was explaining. He said no, that he was trying to grasp all of it. I was able to share the entire plan of salvation with him and he made a commitment for Christ. It was exciting to take and share the knowledge that Cedarville College has equipped me with and experience firsthand the fruit of our

ministry while in Australia."

Jason will continue in his spiritual and peer leadership this fall through his ministry as a resident assistant (RA) for 25 male residents in McChesney Hall. Jason believes being an RA is an important and unique experience. "I am a leader, but a leader of my peers, and spiritually I have the opportunity to help others grow in their walk with the Lord as I am growing myself. We can laugh together, but when it comes to God's Word and knowing what is important in life, hopefully they will see by my example that I want to serve God." Jason finished by stating, "My greatest motivation is Christ and the example he has set for all believers. My RA experience will allow me to become more compassionate and centered on others which is what ministry is all about. Cedarville College is a compilation of opportunities to learn those lessons."



Jason Poling (at left). "My greatest motivation is Christ and the example He has set for all believers."

Resident Directors Impact Students



Faith Linn, Resident Director of McKinney Hall. "Building relationships is my favorite part of this job."

A place to sleep, study, and socialize. At most colleges and universities across the United States that is the primary role of the residence hall. At Cedarville however, the

residence hall is viewed as a classroom all its own. Residence hall life is meant to encourage spiritual, social, and academic growth beyond the classroom.

A resident director (RD) resides in each of Cedarville's seven residence halls for women and five for men. Each RD is ultimately accountable for the students and the facility. Faith Linn, RD of the women's residence hall, McKinney Hall, stated, "What we desire to accomplish in the residence halls, as found in the Student Services Mission Statement, runs parallel with the college mission. The women in McKinney Hall receive a Christ-centered education not only in the classroom and through chapel but in the dorm as well. I get to be an important part of that." Lee Webb, RD of Brock Hall which houses men, added, "We play a vital and unique role because of our proximity to the students. We are able to be a part of their relaxed time; we have opportunity to bypass some of those barriers of the classroom and get to know each other better. Since students are in the residence halls just as much as the classroom, I get to take advantage of many teachable moments, whether it is while playing a game, eating out, or just hanging out in their rooms."

The tasks of an RD are varied, but their primary duty is to minister to the students. Lee explained, "I see this as an opportunity where I can minister to college age kids who will be the future leaders of our churches: youth pastors/directors, pastors, teachers, and deacons. It is very exciting and, to me, it is just as important as being on staff at a church." Lee continued, "Being here for five years has allowed me to see an entire class go from being freshmen to seniors. It is exciting to see what God has done in their lives and to be a part of His plan. I am thankful that I was given the opportunity to touch so many lives."

Each RD has student resident assistants (RAs) who work with them in the dorms. Lee commented, "A lot of our time and ministry is focused on the RAs; in developing a discipleship relationship with them so that they in turn can disciple the students around them. Reaching the masses through the few is the pattern of Christ. That is the way we can be most effective." Faith counts working with her RAs as one of the highlights of her year. "I enjoy pouring all that I have into these young ladies and helping them grow and tackle difficult things throughout the year."

The RDs of Cedarville College take their jobs very seriously. Both Lee and Faith cite their own life experiences as important tools. They teach through their example, realizing that what they do will influence students far more than what they say. Faith shared, "It is important for them to talk to someone who has been through similar things and actually

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Student Services Mission Statement

We exist to enable students to receive a Christ-centered education at Cedarville College. Our role is essentially one of support and servanthood as students prepare academically for a lifetime of faithful Christian service. At the very heart of our reason for being is the belief that it is vitally important for future generations to be taught to think and act like Christ.

We exist to enrich students' educational experience at Cedarville College in areas beyond the walls of the classroom. Our goal is to create and maintain a learning environment that complements and enhances each student's academic program and that addresses character issues not easily taught in the classroom.

We exist to empower students for a lifetime of Christian service. Recognizing that students are with us for only a brief time, our purpose is not to tell them all that they will ever need to know about living the Christian life, rather it is to teach them how to make responsible choices and decisions about living effectively for Christ.

We exist to edify students in their Christian faith. Our ultimate purpose is to interact with students in a way that will deepen their faith in God and strengthen their resolve to pattern all aspects of their lives after Jesus Christ.

Did you know. . .

- Matthew Martens, a 1993 prelaw graduate, will begin a clerkship with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist in July 1997. He recently graduated first of 239 students from the Law School at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
- Fifteen new professors join our faculty this fall, bringing the total number of full-time faculty to 149.
- This summer 47 students were a part of Cedarville's touring gospel teams. The Abundant Life Singers, Swordbearers, Master's Puppets, and the Kingsmen Quartet ministered in 158 churches, eight camps, a conference center, and one teen-week conference. During the 1995-1996 year, gospel teams served in 361 churches, camps, and schools.
- Forty-five states, including Guam and Puerto Rico, will be represented by our student body this fall. Students are also attending from Nigeria, Kenya, Jamaica, The Philippines, and Canada.
- Cedarville now offers 80 programs of study, having recently added Physics and Physics Education majors and an Art minor.
- Almost 60% of Cedarville students voluntarily serve in one of the 72 local ministries every week during the course of the academic year.

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made it." Faith continued, "Building relationships is my favorite part of this job. The friendships I have made will last a lifetime. I went to the Department of



Lee Webb, Resident Director of Brock Hall. "I get to take advantage of teachable moments whether it is while playing a game, eating out, or just hanging out in their rooms."

Nursing graduation in June and realized that I had been the RD for one-third of the class; I knew each one and had shared their laughter and tears during their college experience.

One of them, who had become particularly close to me, even gave me a rose when she was handing them out to her family. It was really special to realize that I had impacted her so deeply."

\$180,000 Classroom Technology Upgrade

CedarNet, the campuswide computer network, has seen the completion of its last phase of the five-year projected plan for improving technology in the classroom. Nine classrooms will be equipped at all times with a video projector, computer, VCR, CD player, cassette player and a visual presenter. Also available will be four portable units to be moved to those classrooms which do not have these capabilities permanently installed. All classrooms are connected to the network.

The technology upgrade will enhance faculty lectures, enabling faculty to present class notes on computer, view tapes through the VCR, and enlarge computer images through the visual presenter. Other teaching options include four classrooms equipped with "LINKS." "LINKS" is a control system with 25 computer stations which allows the professor to broadcast from their computer to all other computer screens. This permits the instructor to show one student's work to others in the class or equips everyone to work simultaneously on a single application.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 18-20 Homecoming Weekend
- President's Associates Meetings
- Ministry Center Open House
- Ministry Center Dedication
- 30 Day of Prayer

November

- 22-23 Cedarville Men's Basketball Invitational
- Women's Tip-Off Tournament
- 27-Dec. 2 Thanksgiving Vacation

December

- 5 Artist Series: Canadian Brass
- 11-13 Final Exams

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IT'S BEEN A BUSY SUMMER!



Construction of The Ministry Center has changed some aspects of the campus. The boulevard (above left) is the new access to the north side of campus. A new entry and parking area were constructed on the south side of Maddox (above right).



Improvements at Marshall and Carr include new carpet, new paint on all interior walls, new hall lighting, and some new exterior lights. The old tubs were replaced by two shower stalls. Carr received new furniture as well.



A second wing in Faith Hall was completely renovated. Rooms were redesigned, allowing for separated study areas. Each renovated room also received

new carpeting and new furniture.

All rooms in Bethel, South, and Harriman were equipped with pentium computers. One hundred percent of all resident hall rooms are now connected to CedarNet, the campus computer network.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- The freshmen as they adjust to college life, and for the rest of the student body, that they would be diligent and pursue the opportunities the Lord gives them this academic year
- The faculty and staff as they prepare for and serve the students

Student Broadcasters Experience Olympics

Nine communication arts students from Cedarville College assisted in broadcasting the Centennial Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. From June until August, their jobs varied from logging and editing video tapes to helping with the actual taping of Olympic events. The Cedarville students, selected by the Atlanta Olympic Broadcast Committee, were among 150 broadcasting students from 40 colleges and universities.